



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! This week has been one of many joys and challenges. The week began with the devastating news that Warrick and Vanderburgh counties were hit by a major tornado. Over 700 homes were damaged or destroyed, 22 people lost their lives and many are recovering from physical and emotional injuries. Our hearts and prayers are with the people in southern Indiana. Reports indicate that the faith community, community based organizations, government agencies and many, many volunteers have linked hands to recover lost treasures and clear away debris to start the re-building process. Once again, we call upon you to give what you can to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, or the INVOAD to support the recovery efforts.

Our joy this week occurred today. Over 900 faith leaders from around the state joined Governor Daniels and the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives to celebrate the establishment of a Faith Based Advisory Council and to report on the work of OFBCI during it's first 9 months of existence. In next week's edition, we will share pictures from the event and the names of the Council members. Needless to say, we are all ready to roll up our sleeves and get even more accomplished on behalf of the citizens of this great State. We are proud to be servant-leaders and look forward to working together with the faith community to do even more.

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives "Road Shows" Reach across the State

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) recently completed a series of events around the State of Indiana to strengthen volunteer efforts and cooperation. The aptly-named "Road Shows" are part of an outreach strategy designed with two aims: 1) promoting National Service, with an emphasis on AmeriCorps, and 2) promoting OFBCI a starting point for faith-based and community-based organizations interested in partnership and funding opportunities within State government.

Staff members met with representatives from faith-based and community organizations, government agencies, and other community leaders in a community forum setting. OFBCI Staff discussed their mandate from the Governor, resources available through the State of Indiana, and projects currently underway, including the release of the RFP for AmeriCorps funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Staff members engaged attendees in informal community assessments and in fielding questions. The information gathered will be used by OFBCI to spread the word about best practices and to decide how the office can best assist these organizations in making Indiana a better place to live.

The events were well-attended, with over 260 participants attending meetings held in Vincennes, Washington, Evansville, Indianapolis, Brownsburg, Anderson, Franklin, Greensburg, Lebanon, Valparaiso, and Fort Wayne. More events will be held in other parts of the state beginning in the early part of 2006.

U.S. Small Business Administration



Your Small Business Resource

The U.S Small Business Administration is the federal disaster bank in the wake of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, wildfires, tornadoes and other physical disasters. After the President or the SBA Administrator declares a disaster, homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes may apply for low-interest SBA disaster loans.

Residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by registering online with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.FEMA.gov, or by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). For more information, visit SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster, or call the Disaster Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or 1-800-877-8339 for those who are hearing impaired.

SBA: America's Disaster Resource
Helping Rebuild Homes, Businesses & Lives

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Real Property Loans:

- Loans up to \$200,000 for homeowners to repair or restore a primary residence to its previous condition.

Personal Property Loans:

- Up to \$40,000 for homeowners and renters to repair or replace personal property such as clothing, furniture or automobiles lost in the disaster.

Loans for Businesses:

- *Physical Disaster Loans* — For non-farm businesses of any size and non-profit organizations. SBA makes loans of up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged property, inventory and equipment.
- *Economic Injury Disaster Loans* — Small businesses or agricultural cooperatives may be eligible for SBA assistance of up to \$1.5 million if they have suffered substantial economic injury in a declared disaster area, regardless of physical damage.

Interest Rates:

- Usually 4 percent or less with up to 30-year repayment terms for homeowners, renters and business owners unable to obtain credit elsewhere.
- Usually up to 8 percent or less with up to 30-year terms for homeowners, renters and business owners who can obtain credit elsewhere.